

STATEMENT OF BASIS (AI No. 33968)

for draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit No. LA0081744 to discharge to waters of the State of Louisiana.

THE APPLICANT IS: Louisiana Pride Catfish, Inc.  
Haring Catfish #1  
681 Pete Haring Rd.  
Wisner, LA 71378

ISSUING OFFICE: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ)  
Office of Environmental Services  
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DATE PREPARED: July 24, 2009

1. PERMIT STATUS

A. Reason For Permit Action:

Permit reissuance of an expired Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit for a 5-year term.

B. LPDES permit - LPDES permit effective date: March 1, 2004  
LPDES permit expiration date: February 28, 2009  
EPA has not retained enforcement authority.

C. Date Application Received: September 26, 2008

2. FACILITY INFORMATION

A. FACILITY TYPE/ACTIVITY - catfish processing plant and feed mill

Louisiana Pride Catfish is an existing catfish processing plant and feed mill. The operations include head cutting, filleting, skinning, sorting, packaging, and freezing catfish and a feed mill producing catfish feed and dog feed. There is also a minnow hatchery on-site that is no longer in operation.

B. FEE RATE

1. Fee Rating Facility Type: minor
2. Complexity Type: II (BPJ points to 0 as per administrative decision)
3. Wastewater Type: II
4. SIC code: 2092, 5142, 2047, 2048

C. LOCATION - 681 Pete Haring Rd. in Wisner, Franklin Parish  
Latitude 31°54'18", Longitude 91°44'57"

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3. **OUTFALL INFORMATION**

Outfall 001

Discharge Type: treated combined process wastewater, washwater, and sanitary wastewater

Treatment: four cell oxidation pond system with aeration

Location: at the point of discharge from the treatment system  
(Latitude 31°53'54", Longitude 91°44'58")

Flow: 100,000 gpd

Discharge Route: Brushy Bayou, thence into Deer Creek

4. **RECEIVING WATERS**

STREAM - Brushy Bayou, thence into Deer Creek

BASIN AND SEGMENT - Ouachita River Basin, Segment 081003

DESIGNATED USES - b. secondary contact recreation

1. limited aquatic life and wildlife use

5. **TMDL WATERBODIES**

Subsegment 081003 of the Ouachita River Basin is not listed on LDEQ's Final 2006 303(d) List as impaired.

However, the receiving stream for subsegment 081003, Deer Creek, was included in the Boeuf River TMDL - Subsegment 080901. Therefore, the limits provided in the TMDL have been placed in the permit.

6. **CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS PERMIT**

Loading limits in Outfall 001 have decreased from the previous permit due to a decrease in effluent flow. Fecal Coliform limits have been changed from 200/400 col/100ml to 1000/2000 col/100ml, in accordance with the designated use of secondary contact recreation.

7. **COMPLIANCE HISTORY/COMMENTS**

A. Compliance History

No records of recent compliance actions were found.

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B. DMR Review/Excursions - A DMR review was completed for June 2007 through May 2009. The excursions are as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>OUTFALL</u>	<u>REPORTED VALUE</u>		<u>PERMIT LIMITS</u>	
			<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>DAILY MAXIMUM</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u>	<u>DAILY MAXIMUM</u>
6/07	TSS	001	40.40	49	22.5	45
7/07	Fecal Coliform	001	208	405	200	400
7/07	TSS	001	47.8	56.2	22.5	45
8/07	Fecal Coliform	001	1020	1020	200	400
9/07	Fecal Coliform	001	540	540	200	400

#### 8. EXISTING EFFLUENT LIMITS

Outfall 001 -	(lbs/day)	(mg/l)
CBOD(4/1-11/30)	25:50	15:30
CBOD(12/1-3/31)	50:75.1	30:45
NH3-N(4/1-11/30)	12.5:25	7.5:15
NH3-N(12/1-3/31)	25:37.5	15:22.5
TSS(4/1-11/30)	37.5:75.1	22.5:45
TSS(12/1-3/31)	75.1:100.1	45:60
Oil and Grease	---:25	---:15
Fecal Coliform		200:400
pH		6-9

#### 9. ENDANGERED SPECIES

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 081003 of the Ouachita River Basin is not listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). This strategy was submitted with a letter dated November 17, 2008 from Rieck (FWS) to Nolan (LDEQ). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and the FWS, no further informal (Section 7, Endangered Species Act) consultation is required. The effluent limitations established in the permit ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat. Therefore, the issuance of the LPDES permit is not likely to have an adverse effect on any endangered or candidate species or the critical habitat.

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#### 10. HISTORIC SITES

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion on undisturbed soils. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the "Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits" no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required.

#### 11. TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to reissue a permit for the discharge described in the application.

#### 12. PUBLIC NOTICES

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

Local newspaper of general circulation

Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List

#### 13. STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWP3) REQUIREMENT

A SWP3 is included in the permit because in accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.A.1, storm water shall not be required to obtain and LPDES permit "... except... discharges associated with industrial activity." In accordance with LAC 33:IX.2511.B.14.a-k, facilities classified as SIC code 2092 are considered to have storm water discharges associated with industrial activity.

For first time permit issuance, the SWP3 shall be prepared, implemented, and maintained within six (6) months of the effective date of the final permit. For renewal permit issuance, the SWP3 shall be reviewed and updated, if necessary, within six (6) months of the effective date of the final permit. The plan should identify potential sources of storm water pollution and ensure the implementation of practices to prevent and reduce pollutants in storm water discharges associated with industrial activity at the facility. (see Narrative Requirements for the AI)

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### Rationale for Louisiana Pride Catfish, Inc.

1. Outfall 001 treated combined process wastewater, washwater, and sanitary wastewater (estimated flow is 100,000 gpd)

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Limitation</u>		<u>Reference</u>
	Mo. Avg:Daily (lbs/day)	Max Mo. Avg:Daily (mg/l)	
Flow (GPD)	Report:Report	----:----	LAC 33:IX.2707.I.1.B
CBOD <sub>5</sub>			
(April 1-November 30)	12.5:25	15:30	Boeuf River TMDL
(December 1-March 31)	25:37.5	30:45	
NH <sub>3</sub> -N			
(April 1-November 30)	6.3:12.5	7.5:15	Boeuf River TMDL
(December 1-March 31)	12.5:18.8	15:22.5	
TSS			
(April 1-November 30)	18.8:37.5	22.5:45	BPJ; *
(December 1-March 31)	37.5:50	45:60	
Oil & Grease	---:12.5	---:15	BPJ; *
Fecal Coliform			
(colonies/100ml)		1000:2000	LAC33:IX.1113.C.5.b
pH (su)		6.0-9.0	40 CFR 408 Subpart A

There shall be NO DISCHARGE of process wastewater from feed mill operations per 40 CFR 406 Subpart G: Animal Feeds.

Treatment: four cell oxidation pond system with aeration

Monitoring Frequency: 2/month

**Limits Justification:** The facility's operations are subject to effluent limitations guidelines for the Farm-Raised Catfish Processing Subcategory, 40 CFR 408 Subpart A; however, more stringent state requirements are being placed in the permit. Mass limits have been calculated based on the concentration limits and the current facility flow.

LDEQ's implementing guidance, in consideration of anti-backsliding provisions of the Clean Water Act, specifies that if a pollutant is covered under both the existing permit and the Effluent Limitations Guidelines, the more stringent of the two applies. Therefore, limits for TSS and oil and grease have been set based on the previous permit and similar permitted facilities (eg WP2168, EDMS Document 25256971).

Although this facility's discharge flows into Deer Creek, which is in subsegment 081003, limits for CBOD<sub>5</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>-N have been set in accordance with the Boeuf River TMDL for Subsegment 080901. Deer Creek is a tributary to the Boeuf River, therefore was included in the TMDL.

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Fecal Coliform limits have been set as per LAC33:IX.1113.C.5.b, for the designated use of secondary contact recreation. These limits are less stringent than the fecal coliform limitations in the previous permit; however, as per LAC33.IX.2707.L.2.a.ii.(b), this is not considered antibacksliding.

\* Existing permits for similar outfalls  
BPJ Best Professional Judgement  
su Standard Units